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SUBJ: LATIN AMERICAN COFFEE MEETINGS

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1. MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN COFFEE PRODUCERS ENDED JUNE 23 WITH EXTENSIVE COVERAGE GIVEN BY MOST MEXICAN DAILIES OVER WEEKEND RE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING. COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT MEETING INCLUDED BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, PERU, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND MEXICO. CANTU PENA, DIRECTOR OF MEXICAN COFFEE INSTITUTE, PRESIDED OVER MEETING. FOLLOWING CLOSURE ALL DELEGATES MET WITH PRESIDENTE ECHEVERRIA TO REPORT CONCLUSIONS AND AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING THREE- DAY MEETING. PRESS STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND MOST OF THE DELEGATES WHICH HIGHLIGHTED IMPORTANCE OF COFFEE INDUSTRY TO
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LATIN AMERICA AND NEED FOR LATIN AMERICAN COFFEE PRODUCERS TO UNITE AND PRESENT COMMON FRONT CONSUMING COUNTRIES TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE WORLD COFFEE PRICES IN VIEW TERMINATION ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT THIS OCTOBER. WE ARE POUCHING TEXTS OF STATEMENTS AS CARRIED IN THE LOCAL PRESS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS AND AGREEMENTS REACHED BY THE DELEGATES DURING MEETING AS PRESENTED BY CANTU PENA DURING PRESS CONFERENCE:

A. SUPPLIES OF ARABIC TYPE COFFEE AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT DURING THE REMAINDER OF 1972-73 COFFEE YEAR IS LIMITED. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GROUP CONFIRMED THAT AVAILABLE DATA POINT TO CONTINUING FIRMNESS WORLD MARKET PRICES FOR THIS TYPE COFFEE.

B. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL INTERNAL MEASURES AIMED AT INCREASING COFFEE PRICES AND REINFORCING COORDINATING EFFORTS RELATIVE TO CURRENT EXPORT POLICIES IN EFFECT. (NO SPECIFICS AVAILABLE ON THESE MEASURES).

C. IT WAS AGREED CENTER FOR COFFEE INFORMATION LOCATED IN SAN SALVADOR WILL BE REVITALIZED TO EXPEDITE DAILY INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON WORLD COFFEE MARKETS.

D. THE COUNTRIES INCORPORATED IN THE " OTHER MILD GROUP" AGREED IN PRINCIPAL TO ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL MARKETING ORGANIZATION FOR THIS TYPE COFFEE. PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION WILL BE TO WORK WITHIN ALL- OVER POLICY OF COFFEE EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE COFFEE PRICES IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET.

E. CONCERNING 1973-74 COFFEE YEAR, GROUP AGREED TO CONTINUE WITH A POLICY OF REGULATING THE AMOUNT OF COFFEE MADE AVAILABLE FOR EXPORTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE WORLD COFFEE PRICES. DURING THE NEXT MEETING OF WORLD COFFEE PRODUCERS GROUP A MORE THOROUGH EXAMINATION WILL BE MADE OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND CONDITIONS AND CONCRETE MEASURES WILL BE ADOPTED AT THAT TIME RELATIVE TO REGULATING COFFEE EXPORTS.

3. MEXICO HAS REJOINED WORLD COFFEE PRODUCERS GROUP AMB ACCORDING CANTU PENA, GROUP AGREED MEXICO COULD EXPORT AN ADDITIONAL 300 UNCLASSIFIED

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THOUSAND BAGS OF COFFEE DURING REMAINDER OF CURRENT COFFEE YEAR, AND THAT DURING 1973-74 MEXICO WOULD BE ALLOWED TO EXPORT 2.5 MILLION BAGS COMPARED TO THE CURRENT QUOTA OF 1.6 MILLION BAGS.

4. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT CANTU PENA SINCE HE LEFT FOR NEW YORK ON JUNE 24 AND WILL NOT BE BACK UNTIL END OF THIS WEEK. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONTACT CANTU PENA FOR FURTHER ELABORATION

ON RESULTS MEETING.

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